

INEFFICIENCY OF ARMY IS EXPOSED BY CHAMBERLAIN

Oregon Senator Reiterates Charges—Says Truth Is Kept From Wilson.

BAKER IGNORANT TOO
Entire Absence of Concrete
War Plan Asserted in
Vigorous Speech.

SUFFERING IN THE CAMPS
Men Still Without Overcoats
or Woollen Blouses—Ill
Soldiers Neglected.

Special Despatch to THE SUN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon defended himself to day against the accusation of President Wilson that he had wilfully distorted the facts brought out in recent investigations of army conditions by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, of which Mr. Chamberlain is chairman.

He reiterated his charges of gross mismanagement, incompetency, lack of coordination and cooperation in the War Department and the entire absence of any concrete American war plan. "Harris does not know the truth," Senator Chamberlain said, speaking of the President. To the thousand and more of listeners who thronged the floor and galleries of the Senate Chamber the answer of the Senator to the criticism of the President seemed to fill to a nicety the requirements of the situation. In a word the Oregon statesman, accused of distorting facts adduced in committee evidence

produced the testimony itself, and with
here and there a qualifying sentence
so let the answer to the President's
charge against his credibility and his
integrity as a reporter of existing con-
ditions be spoken by the sworn word of
others.

Commended on Both Sides.
No more impressive speech, no more severe arraignment has been delivered in the Senate of the United States with the memory of the oldest member of the

body. Aside from the intensity of the occasion, which in itself would have made a more mediocre address carry in fair volume of timely interest, the repressed fashion in which Senator Chamberlain held himself with the

Following the address he was the recipient of warmest commendation from members of both parties in the Senate.

Even among Democratic leaders, who in the coming discussions of the bills of which Senator Chamberlain is coauthor and chief advocate will be opposed to him came to him with handshakes and assurances of the sincerity of his utterances.

the chamber to-day lukewarm on the entire system of changes sought by Mr. Chamberlain and his committee following. As the speech proceeded change in expression marked the countenance

or many members of the Senate. Mr. Chamberlain was winning votes and the Administration leaders knew it, and when the Senate reached the end of its shorter than ordinary session an adjournment was arranged until Monday in hopes unexpressed by the Democrats.

Senator Chamberlain's speech occupied nearly three hours. From his first word to the last Senators sat in their seats without movement or evidence of the slightest disposition to miss a word.

As the speech progressed members of the House of Representatives thronged into the chamber, filling every available foot of space, and those who came remained spellbound at the intense earnestness and unrestrained vigor of the speaker.

the Representatives listening stoically, shifting from one foot to another but never yielding for a moment. More than half the membership of the House was in attendance in the Senate, while at the other end of the Capitol Representative Heflin, the lone Democrat

The galleries also were packed to suffocation. As early as 10 o'clock in the morning the supply of gallery tickets had been exhausted. When Senate

Took Full Responsibility.
The reply of Senator Chamberlain

covered all the ground of the controversy. As a preliminary the Senator read into the record not alone his speech delivered before the Security League in New York last Saturday but all the subsequent correspondence between himself and the President not heretofore published.

lished. The letters spoke for themselves. They disclosed that once the President had seen the first quotation of Senator Chamberlain's criticism of the Administration he had written an immediate demand for Senator Chamberlain to explain himself and admit or deny the au-

thenticity. Mr. Chamberlain had admitted all responsibility and the authenticity of the fuller accounts of his discourse and had suggested he go over the facts with the President. To this letter he received no reply, but instead the following the President's public denunciation.

Once the letters of the President were in evidence the Oregon Senator opened the floodgates to his reservoir of fact and as they came in full flood tumbled one over the other the effect on his hearer was almost magical. His argument

"The statement of the President challenges me, of course, to the proof of a statement and which I now repeat," as Senator Chamberlain, standing out the aisle the centre figure in a dramatic scene for his countrymen, declared.

he looked ministerial and mild. But